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New Positions for Centre Staff

Doris accepted a five-year honorary position as Adjunct Professor at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Canberra and Wagga Wagga, Australia (2012-2017).

She also accepted a part-time position in the School of Law at Uclan Cyprus (2012-2017).

Miltos accepted a part-time position with a leading German university, in addition to his Uclan post. Since 2013, he also works as a Research Fellow at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).

Fellow of the University

Prof. Tomi Kushner was awarded a Fellowship of the University in recognition of her work in global bioethics. Tomi was introduced in our fourth newsletter as our longterm collaborator. She is the editor of the Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics. This is the second time that one of our collaborators was made a University Fellow.

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Former Student Publishes his PhD Thesis

Dr Peter Omonzejele published his PhD research in a book entitled: "The Ethics of Medical Research in Africa". Since completing his PhD in 2009, he has been promoted to Acting Head of Philosophy, University of Benin, Nigeria.
The first Dr Dr!

In November 2013, the first Dr Dr emerged from the Centre. Dr Sally Dalton-Brown had already obtained a doctorate in Russian literature from Cambridge University. Two decades later, she interrupted her high-powered job in Melbourne to undertake further PhD research at the Centre. She completed her work on nanotechnology and global ethics successfully and we are very proud of her achievements: Dr Dr Dalton-Brown! Her external examiner was Prof. John Weckert, Australia.

New PhD Student Meets his Idol and Travels to Cyprus

In October 2012, Nigerian Samuel Ujewe started his MPhil/PhD course on a Uclan scholarship. One month after his arrival, Sam joined a public Uclan panel with one of his philosophy idols, Prof. Thomas Pogge. In 2013, Sam spent the winter on the Uclan Cyprus campus working with fellow bioethicist Nikola Stepanov from Australia.

Goodbye to Cathy

Our newsletter editor and research assistant Cathy left the University to pursue other opportunities. Local and international colleagues miss her involvement in the Centre.

New Colleagues

In 2013, the Centre's work was supported by Dr Brigit Chesworth and Heather Cadd. Sadly, Heather (who is responsible for this newsletter) has been promoted within the university and will leave us soon.
PhD Students Give Prestigious Speeches

Roger Chennells, who studies at the Centre on a Wellcome Trust fellowship, was invited to give a keynote speech on his PhD topic. In August 2013 he addressed the College of Law, University of South Africa, on the topic of benefit sharing and community engagement. His fellow PhD student Kate Chatfield has given a range of invited papers on her PhD topic, ethical issues in complementary medicine, most recently in Bristol, Paris, Cambridge and Berlin.

Meet our Collaborators: Prof. Rachel Wynberg

Rachel Wynberg is an academic, activist and policy adviser with a special interest in biodiversity use and benefit sharing, community rights, social justice and environmental governance. She holds a South African Research Chair on Social and Environmental Dimensions of the Bio-economy at the University of Cape Town (UCT), where she is associate professor in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science. Over the past twenty years Rachel has advised governments, civil society organisations and international agencies on biodiversity issues and continues to be actively involved with NGOs in the region, serving on the Boards of Bio-watch South Africa, Environmental Monitoring Group, and PhytoTrade Africa. Rachel has been collaborating with the Centre since 2004, including on two funded projects (Wellcome Trust, EU) and one book.

Health Impact Fund goes Global

Local organisations supporting Thomas' team's Health Impact Fund (http://healthimpactfund.org/) have been founded in the US, Canada, Germany, Argentine and India, so far. Doris and Miltos are honorary members of the German group.

Doris joins Horizon 2020 Expert Panel

Doris was invited to join the expert group, which will finalize all templates for the ethics review in Horizon 2020. The group is chaired by Jim Houghton.

Book Publication

In 2013, Springer published the outcome of an earlier Centre project, with a Foreword by Prof. Michael Parker, the Centre's Visiting Professor from Oxford.
ProGReSS—New 1.5 million EU Project Launched

In 2013, the Centre launched a new EU-funded project: ProGReSS (progressproject.eu, Youtube: [http://bit.ly/1dKXlZa](http://bit.ly/1dKXlZa)). The three-year project includes partners from all continents and funds a global network on Responsible Research and Innovation.

The project has already made good progress on one of its main deliverables: the preparation of reports from Europe, the US, China, Japan, India, Australia and South Africa on the way governments drive innovation towards societally desirable goals.

One of the project's most exciting events will be a workshop in Kimberley, South Africa, on "San Knowledge and Innovation", which links to earlier work undertaken in the Centre on benefit sharing. In collaboration with the University of Cape Town (see also page 3, on our UCT collaborator) and the South African San Institute, the workshop will examine how marginalized communities can provide meaningful input into innovation systems.

GEST—EU Project Entering its Final Phase

The GEST project (Global Ethics in Science and Technology Policy) is reaching its final stage. The project includes a group of academics and policy advisors from Europe, China and India who focus on the incorporation of ethical issues in policy making about new technologies.

Case studies on genetically modified foods, nanotechnologies and synthetic biology have been analysed in the three regions in terms of innovation, risk and legislative debates deriving from ethical issues. Two main dissemination events are scheduled in Delhi, India and in Brussels at the European Parliament later in 2014. In 2015, results from the project will be published in an Open Access book.